

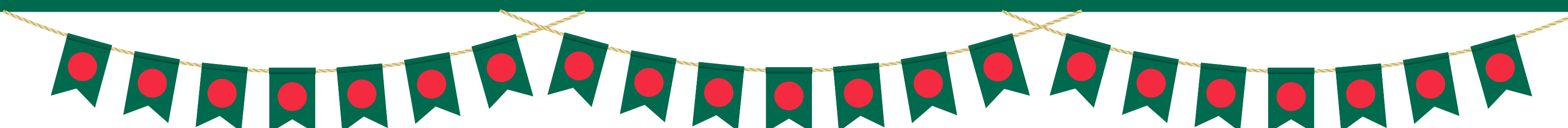
স্বাগতম

(Bengali)

সওদা

(Sylheti)





October Hackney Language of the month is: **Bengali (Bangla) and Sylheti**

Speakers in Hackney Schools: 924

Where is it spoken?

Bangladesh, Eastern India and by communities in the Middle East, United Kingdom (especially right here in Hackney!), United States and Canada.

Writing System:

Bengali uses a beautiful curved script (বাংলা লিপি). Sylheti is a closely related regional language with its own historic script (Sylheti Nagri), though many Sylheti speakers use standard written Bengali for formal writing.



স্বাগতম

–
(*Shwāgatam*)

Welcome



সুপ্রভাত

(*Shu-probhat*)

Good morning



দয়া করে

(*doya kore*)

Please



ধন্যবাদ

(dhonnobad)

Thank you



আবার দেখা হবে

*(Abar dekha
hobe)*

Goodbye

(We will meet again)



হ্যাঁ

(ha)

Yes

না

(na)

No

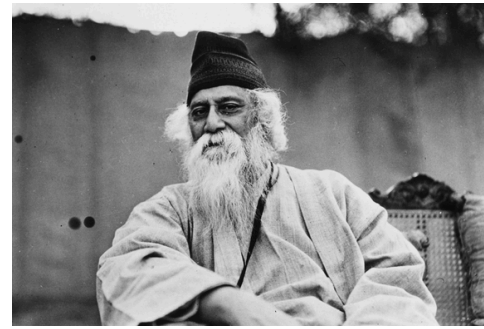


আপনি কি জানেন? aapni ki janen? Did you know?



Inspiring International Mother Language Day:

UNESCO created International Mother Language Day (celebrated every February 21st) to honor the Bengali Language Movement of 1952, when people fought to protect their right to speak their mother tongue!



Poetic Roots:

Bengali is the mother tongue of Rabindranath Tagore, the first non-European winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature (1913). He wrote the national anthems of both Bangladesh and India!



Curved Letterforms:

Bengali script hangs from a top horizontal line called a Matra (মাত্রাসমূহ). It's like a clothesline that holds all the letters together!.